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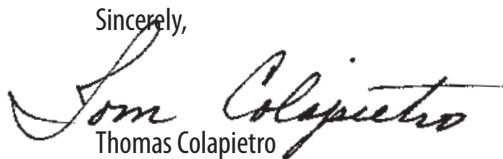
The 21st Century is here and businesses and their employees now compete with companies located around the globe. We compete as much with Bangalore, India as we do with Boston. The stakes are high—a growing economy and jobs that pay good wages.

That's why my colleagues and I worked to pass a package of initiatives that will help Connecticut's economy. We've eliminated the tax on manufacturing equipment—a levy that has discouraged manufacturers from staying in Connecticut. And we've acted to connect our colleges and universities to cutting-edge industries and provide incentives for the best and the brightest to remain here after graduation. I've included some additional highlights in this mailer.

By passing this legislation we're moving to secure Connecticut's role in the new economy by unleashing our creativity, intellect and imagination, and embracing education and innovation.

If you have questions or concerns, please call my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Colapietro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Colapietro" clearly visible.

Thomas Colapietro
State Senator



Your State Senator

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FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

THOMAS A. COLAPIETRO

Connecticut Jobs for the 21st Century

This year, my legislative agenda—and that of my Senate Democratic colleagues—was about jobs!

Our recently passed jobs creation bill will help grow Connecticut's economy. Some of the highlights include:

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Eliminating the manufacturing machinery and equipment property tax to attract more manufacturing jobs to Connecticut, especially the cutting-edge precision manufacturing that is critical to our future economy.

Increasing jobs by better bridging promising businesses to the university expertise that can help bring innovative products to market.

Turning imagination into jobs through the establishment of a Center for Entrepreneurship that will assist promising technologies—including fuel cells—develop in our state.

Funding increases for incumbent worker training programs provided by regional workforce development boards.

Creating business incubators to help grow the big ideas of the small businesses that will fuel our future economy and improve job creation across the state.

Creating Development Research and Economic Assistance Matching (DREAM) grants that supplement and increase small businesses' access to federal research grants.

Establishing a pro-active Business Advocate's office that will serve as a clearinghouse of contacts for businesses to access government and other assistance and cut red tape.

Encouraging more engineering and doctoral research graduates to stay and work in Connecticut through a scholar-to-work system to foster innovation and creativity to compete in the growing world marketplace.

Establishing a partnership with the business community—so that students will have access to mentors and resources in the economically critical areas of math and science—that will help Connecticut create a better pool of skilled labor for the future of our economy and improve our edge in the intellectual capital of our workforce.



Offering some of the best tax incentives in the nation to attract movie companies to film their productions here in Connecticut.

